

Course Descriptions

COBRA, WMD Responder Training Course

The COBRA, WMD Responder Training Course is a 4-day training program designed to provide first responders operational level instruction on responding to and operating in a WMD environment. The course introduces chemical, ordnance, biological, and radiological threats. It also covers the current international and domestic terrorist threat; managing a WMD scene; determining the breadth of a WMD incident area; and dealing with the media at a WMD incident. In addition, it provides hands-on familiarization training with specialized protective clothing and equipment, concluding with hands-on, multi-task performance oriented training in the COBRA, WMD Live Agent Training Facility.

Prerequisites: This course is designed for 1st. Responders who have completed no more than an introduction to awareness level training. The target audience for this training is 1st Responders in Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service, Emergency Communications and Emergency Management.

***This course is not for HAZMAT technicians.**

COBRA, WMD Incident Command Training Course

The COBRA, WMD Incident Command course is a 3-day in-depth training course in the composition, action, identification, and decontamination of WMD agents that have the potential for use in a terrorist incident. This course also includes an overview of the international and domestic terrorist threat, scene management, tactical decision making, and federal support to state and local jurisdictions, coupled with a tabletop exercise involving response planning and execution at a terrorist incident. Training culminates with a hands-on training exercise in the Center for Domestic Preparedness COBRA, WMD Live Agent Training Facility.

Prerequisites: Emergency responders attending this training must be certified at the awareness and operational level. The target audience for this training includes incident command level personnel in Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service and Emergency Management.

COBRA, WMD Hazardous Material Technician Training Course

The COBRA, WMD Hazardous Material Technician course is a 3-day in-depth training course in the composition, action, identification, and decontamination of WMD agents that have the potential for use in a terrorist incident. This course also includes training in the preservation of evidence at a crime scene, an overview of the international, and domestic terrorist threat, and a series of practical exercises involving WMD detection and identification equipment and methods of operations at a WMD terrorist incident. This training course culminates with a hands-on training exercise in the Center for Domestic Preparedness COBRA, WMD Live Agent Training Facility where the hazardous material technician performs tasks learned in the previous instruction in a chemical warfare materials contaminated environment.

Prerequisites: Hazardous Material Technicians attending this training must be certified as having successfully met the competencies outlined in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472 for HAZMAT awareness and operations for HAZMAT Technicians.